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Subject Korean named Zen Sho-Matsu-Communist Suspect.

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With reference to the attached cutting from the Shanghai Times dated October 31, 1936, I have to state that the following information regarding Zen Sho-Matsu(全昌法) has been obtained from the Japanese Consular Police:-

On October 21, Zen Sho-Matsu, a Korean, aged 19, a communist suspect, visited the local Korean Residents' Association, Lane No. 250, House No. 45 Range Road, together with another Korean named In Toku-Fuku(尹得族), aged 20, and requested assistance in seeking employment and for permission to stay in the lodging house maintained by the association. Permission to reside in the lodging house was granted them. The association, however, not satisfied with Zen's explanation of his movements reported the matter to the Japanese Consular Police. The Japanese Consular Police interrogated Zen at the Consulate and later detained him for investigation pending the receipt of information regarding his activities from the Korean Authorities. Information has now been received that Zen is wanted by the Keijo Police on suspicion of being a communist and requested that he might be handed over to them.

Zen is still being detained in the Japanese Consulate. The Consular Police state that to date no particulars have been obtained concerning Zen's communistic activities.



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KOREAN LADS HELD ON RED CHARGES

Posed As Printers Here
Looking For Work

The alleged ruse of a Korean youth, charged by the Japanese authorities with being a "dangerous Communist," ended badly for him on Wednesday when he was locked up in the Japanese Consular gaol, the local Nipponese press said yesterday.

According to the allegations by the Japanese police, Shomatsu Zen, 19, attempted to establish himself in Shanghai after winning the sympathy of the authorities and of other Koreans by assuming a fictitious character.

He boldly presented himself at the Japanese Consulate-General on October 21 together with another Korean and laid before the authorities a tale of woe. According to their statements, they were two apprentice printers who had left Chientao in search of better jobs. After walking from city to city in Manchuria, they had crossed the Great Wall and proceeded as far as Peiping. From there they had walked south to Shanghai in 15 days, still looking for work.

They were turned over, after questioning, to the hostel for unemployed maintained by the Korean Residents' Association.

When police checked up on their stories, they found several inconsistencies which led the officials to telegraph Chientao for more information.

These advices, the Japanese newspapers said, revealed that Zen was "wanted" on charges of being a Communist spy and an agitator.—Domei.

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HWA LIEN NEWS AGENCY DIRECTOR ARRESTED BY FRENCH POLICE

At 4 a.m. November 3, Mr. Yueh Chien Chun, director of the Hwa Lien News Agency, a notorious organ which fabricates false reports, and two employees named Wu Chang Shih and Hu, were arrested by the French Police. The prisoners are now undergoing examination. The cause of their arrest is not disclosed. The Business of the news agency has been completely suspended. A close watch will be kept on developments in the case because it might lead to the solution of an important case.